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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING AND
HAND-DELIVERY OF CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: **Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC**
Docket Number: 2020-3-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or the "Company") please find the Direct Testimony and Exhibits of the following witnesses:

1. Kimberly D. McGee
2. Steven D. Capps
3. John A. Verderame
4. Kenneth D. Church
5. Steve Immel
6. Jason D. Martin

The Company respectfully requests that Exhibit 3 of Steven D. Capps' Direct Testimony be accepted by the Commission under seal and maintained as confidential pursuant to Order No. 2005-226. Company witness Capps' Exhibit 3 contains certain proprietary and confidential information relating to sensitive outage information that if disclosed could negatively impact DEC's ability to safely and reliably provide effective service to its customers. The Company requests that the Commission grant the Company's request for confidential treatment, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804(S)(2) and the Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-10 et seq., and protect this information from public disclosure. Pursuant to Order No. 2020-490, issued in Docket No. 2005-83-A, the Company has highlighted in the confidentially filed version of Capps' Exhibit 3 the information it considers to be confidential.

Based on the contents of the testimony and exhibits filed herewith, and pursuant to Order No. 2019-214 issued in Docket No. 2005-83-A on March 20, 2019, we are proposing the following

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modification to the caption in this proceeding: "Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Decreasing Residential and Non-Residential Rates."

Finally, the hearing in this matter is scheduled for September 10, 2020, and the Company understands that the election of new Commissioners is set to be held on September 23, 2020. To ensure there is a sufficient quorum for decision-making in this proceeding, the Company respectfully requests that a decision on the merits be issued on or before September 23, 2020.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record via electronic mail.

Sincerely,



Katie M. Brown

cc: Parties of record